CITY COMMISSION

Economic funding discussed

Joe Sommers | COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission met last night to vote on a special meeting item and to discuss two items during their regular work session.

The commission unanimously passed the special meeting item concerning the addition of easements and right-ofways to the Downtown Redevelopment Area.

The commission then turned their attention to the two items on the regular work session agenda.

The first item involved recommendations made by the Economic Development Model Task Force.

Task Force member Lauren Palmer explained to the commission proposed changes to the criteria the city uses to decide which new businesses receive economic development

The current system has three points of emphasis, including wages, return on investment and community fit. The task force recommended that benefits be added to this criteria.

The new system would strongly consider the health benefits a prospective employer would provide for their workers. Other factors considered included the percentage of the health plan paid by the employer and the total percentage of salary these benefits would

With the arrival of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, the city has focused on bringing high-paying jobs into the community. The task force built the new model with an emphasis on new jobs that would pay at or above \$24 an hour.

While agreeing a new model was necessary, the commission directed the talk into a broader discussion of what constitutes economic development.

"The number one question is what defines economic development," said Mayor Bob

Commissioners discussed economic funding whether should be spent solely on job creation.

Commissioner James Sherow viewed the public amenities as an important way to help lure high-paid workers to Manhattan. He argued that the superior economic resources of larger communities makes it necessary for the city to focus on improving quality of life to attract potential workers.

Jane Gibson of the Living Wage Coalition asked the commission to pass an ordinance requiring companies applying for economic development funding to pay all employees no less than \$12 an hour.

Commissioners agreed that there is a need to make sure employers provide their workers with adequate wages to live on, but disagreed that an ordinance was the right option.

'We don't want to run off high-paying jobs because the company has a few low-paying jobs," Strawn said.

The commission then heard an overview of the Facilities Conservation Improvement Program, which helps communities lower their energy costs.

Randy Jameson from Trane Commercial Systems presented the commissioners with an example of areas where the city could save money. He suggested the city replace old water meters, which would bring in an estimated \$37,847 a year in additional revenue. Upgrades in traffic lights and city heating sys-

tems was also recommended. Strawn ended the meeting by asking his staff to research the FCIP and prospective companies to complete the work before the commission would make any commitment.

Facing the Future



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

K-State president Kirk Schulz listens to a question during his spring semester open forum Tuesday afternoon in Forum Hall. The discussion allowed K-State faculty members, employees and students to voice their concerns over the upcoming budget cuts.

Schulz: Budget constraints not temporary

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

President Kirk Schulz held his spring semester open forum yesterday afternoon at the K-State Student Union. The focal point of his discussion with students and faculty members was the current budget crisis.

"It's sort of like trying to hit a moving target," Schulz said. "We'll do the best we can, but from mid-April to late-May you will probably see a lot of activity on the budget."

Schulz completed recommendations to cut \$15 million over a period of two years, and the documents can be accessed through the K-State Web site. The recommendations include the elimination of about 25 full time positions and other halftime and internship positions from programs and departments around campus, including eight full-time positions from the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and seven from the Division of Facilities.

Other suggestions include extended closing days at the Beach Museum of Art and an important reduction in funding for NI-STAC, a program dedicated to supporting start-up and expansion of businesses and intellectual property.

A question arose regarding the Targeted Excellence funding reduction at K-State. The funding allows for programs at K-State to submit proposals of projects that they would like funded. Over the past three years, the amount of available money within Targeted Excellence has been consistently halved, and it will be further reduced

"There's been a terrific return on the investment from Targeted Excellence funds," Schulz said. "There's no question that, generally, these monies have been beneficial to

But he said it would be irresponsible for

PROPOSED REDUCTION, TWO-YEAR TOTAL SAVINGS

Administration and Finance offices Including the elimination of one full-time position in the Controller's Office, one in the Division of Human Resources, and seven from the Division of Facilities. **Vice President for Student Life**

Including the elimination of one full-time position in Student Financial Assistance and one in Career & Employment Services; two part-time positions in Counseling Services and in the Office of Student Life.

Office of the Provost \$506,000 Including a reduction in funding for international programs and in Information Technology Services. **Alumni Association** \$95,000 Including the elimination of a part-time position

and student employment opportunities, a reduction in sponsorship for campus events, and an increase in food service fees.

Details of President Schulz's budget cuts proposal can be found on k-state.edu/budget/initiative.html

the university to continue to make multiyear commitments it may not be able to uphold in the current budget climate. He said he would look at other types of funding programs to encourage inter-disciplinary activities. Savings from this program will total \$6 million.

When Schulz was asked about the current hiring "slush" at K-State, he said if there are significant hiring needs, departments need to make the case to the provost and administration.

"It's important for us to make sure we're backfilling where needed," he said. "The budget situation will be fluid at best over the next couple years."

Schulz said he does not view the changes K-State is making to cope with budget

constraints as temporary. He said he's expecting the budget to hit a trough and flatten out, but does not expect to see a significant amount of new money for the university after the budget crisis.

"We're going to have to get comfortable with that," Schulz said. "We need to reevaluate the core mission of K-State, a landgrant university."

He said he does not see the budget crisis as a reason for K-State to stop growing. Instead, he said he views it as an opportune time to keep planning for the future and continue pursuing dreams.

One of the goals for the future of K-State is to morph into a three campus system, Schulz said. The opening of the Olathe campus will provide K-State with three different locations.

Schulz said with video conferencing technology, it would be possible for one instructor to teach students at every location simultaneously. An example he gave was upper level courses needed for a business degree may be taught at K-State, but students at the Salina campus will be able to attend those classes through video.

"We just don't need to be in a situation with three different locations and three different instructors," Schulz said. "To me, that doesn't make sense."

Schulz will be participating in another open forum at the Salina campus on Monday, March 1 at 2 p.m. It will be streamed live in the Big 12 Room at the Union where students and faculty in Manhattan can also participate.

If students hear budget stories in the news or hear budget-related talk on campus, he invites them to contact his administrative office. Every six weeks, Schulz wants to answer the questions that are asked most frequently, he said.

Mcglone/Craemer campaign not joking around

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

Benson Mcglone, junior in history and anthropology, and Brad Craemer, senior in life sciences, are seriously running for student body president and vice president. They may be dressed up as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln while blasting patriotic music, but said if they are elected they will treat the positions with all the sobriety necessary to be leaders for the student body.

When asked about campaign platforms, Mcglone made one thing clear: They have campaign foundations, not platforms.

"Foundations can be built upon while platforms can fall over," he

One of Mcglone's main priorities as president is to bring back the Fourum an essential tool to ensure the student body is heard, he said. He said most of the students at K-State want the Fourum back, and as president he will try to work with the editor of the Collegian to

restore it in some form or fashion. Parking at K-State is the next area Mcglone said could use some



Student body presidential candidate Benson Mcglone, junior in history and anthropology, poses as George Washington with vice presidential Brad Craemer, senior in life sciences, dressed as Abraham Lincoln.

reform. One promise of the campaign is to institute airport-style parking in the parking garage. This means a student could park in the parking garage for less than thirty minutes for free. When asked

about the practicality of this proposal, Mcglone pointed out that the parking garage already keeps

track of the amount of time a stu-

dent parks in the garage. Lastly, Mcglone and Craemer

would like to make K-State a more prestigious university. Implementation of this idea would involve adding the word "the" in front of every sign that had K-State on it. The campaign stressed how prestigious "the K-State" sounded as opposed to just "K-State."

Despite their joking demeanor, Mcglone and Craemer have a serious message. Since neither have been involved in student government, they said they have an advantage as outsiders to the system. Their goal is to bring an energetic and enjoyable tone into student government. Mcglone has been involved in the KSU Anthropology Club and the lacrosse team. Craemer has been a Young Life leader. Both are members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Mcglone and Cramer are running for student body president and vice president in a silly manner because, they said, as college students they are supposed to have fun. They are trying to stress they are a legitimate contender, and their campaign demonstrates to the student body they value their college experience.



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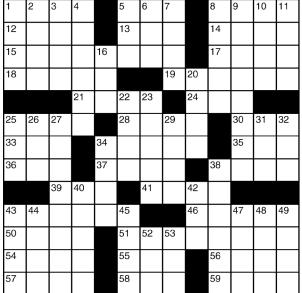
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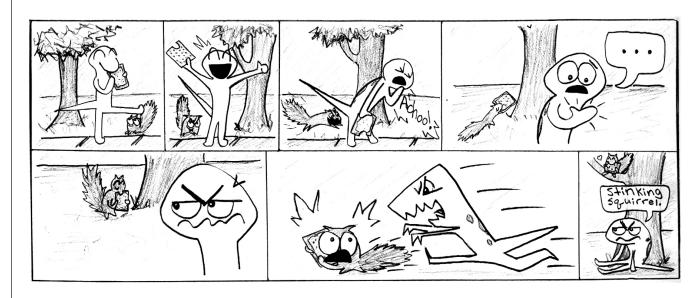
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Nominations are being accepted for the Anderson Senior Awards, the Mulicultural Leadership and Service Awards and the Graduate Student Awards. Anyone is free to nominate deserving students who will be graduating in May, August or December 2010. Forms are available at K-state.com/awards and are due by 5 p.m.

The Student Homecoming Committee is now seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due March 12 at 5 p.m.

Career and Employment Services presents Walk-in Wednesdays from noon - 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall.

SafeZone will be hosting Trauma Response: Allies Helping Survivors of Violence today from 12 to 2 p.m. in Union 212. Mary Todd, Director of the K-State Women's Center, will be presenting. The event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Celebrate the 2010 Census with Career and **Employment Services. Tables with information** and prizes related to the 2010 Census will be available at the K-State Student Union from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. today outside the Union Food Court.

The Little American Royal is now having sign-up through Thursday in Weber Hall and Waters Hall. Anyone can sign up to show KSU owned livestock. Even if you have never shown an animal before you can learn how it is done. The show will be held April 23.

Noted architect Kulapat Yantrasast, principal and founder of WHY Architecture, will present "A Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste" at 5 p.m. Friday in Seaton Hall's Foerster Auditorium (room 63). The event is open to the public without charge and is sponsored by the College of Architecture, Planning and Design. Attendance at the lecture can be submitted as continuing education credit for design professionals by contacting Diane Potts at 785-532-1090 or potts@k-state.edu.

Sensible Nutrition and Body Image Choices will present the following events for Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The theme is "It's Time to Talk About It: Everyone Can Do ... Just One

-Yoga for a Better Body Image will be held today at the Rec at 4:30 p.m. Open to K-State students and Rec faculty members. Call 785-532-6980 to reserve your spot.

-A discussion titled "The Relationship Between Exercise and Body Image: Harmful or Helpful?" with keynote speaker Dr. Beth Fallon at 6 p.m. in the Flint Hills Room in the Union on Thursday.

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, Office of Mediated Education and Information Technology Assistant Center is offering the Instructional Design and Technology Roundtable: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 minutes and 40 seconds, add 20 slides and Welcome to the World of Pecha Kucha. Come join us from 11 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Union 212.

The City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation **Department** is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming youth soccer season. The season will run about March 1 to May 6. The department is also hiring soccer officials at a pay rate of \$12 -\$24 per game. Interested individuals should call 785-587-2757 or e-mail Jeff Mayer at mayer@ ci.manhattan.ks.us.

Information Technology Assistance Center will be presenting the following orientations.

The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required. -IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. March 4 in Hale Library room

-IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. March 10 in Hale Library

Applications for National Student Exchange for fall 2010 and spring 2011 are due by March 1. For more information, contact Kari Nap in the Office of Admissions at karinap@k-state.edu or go to Nse.org.

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and held in 501 Hale Library, except for Thursday's session, which will be held in 301A Hale. -Thursday - Uses of WordPress

-March 4 - Twitter Tools -March 11 - Zimbra Calendar -March 25 - Google Wave

Information Technology Teaching and **Learning** will offer the following sessions: March 25 - A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems April 22 - Show ME, Don't Tell ME. All events are from 11 - 12:30 p.m. in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There were errors in yesterday's it said a vehicle rollover oc-Collegian.

The quote in "Pettiford: black women could be too strong for own good," contained a guote attributed to Angela Muhwezi, "Slavery plays tricks on us ..." The quote was actually said by the speaker.

In yesterday's police reports,

curred on the K-18 bypass near Augusta, Kan. This accident actually occurred on the K-18 interchange near Ogden. The photo with yesterday's story "Modern combatives program cancelled due to budget concerns," instructors Dave Durnil and Joe Wilk were

labeled as each other. Chantelle Fehilly is actually from Waterford, Ireland, not Watersford.

The Collegian regrets the errors. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

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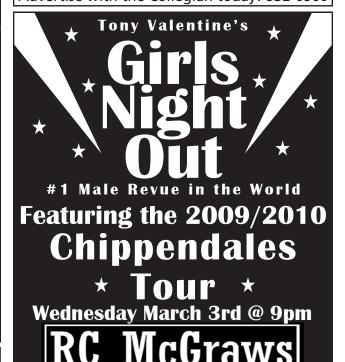
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POLICE REPORT

Bus strikes motorcycle

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan man was sent to the hospital earlier this week after being struck by another vehicle and ejected off his motorcycle, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The accident occurred at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and College Heights Road, said RCPD Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr.

Leslie Dill, 59, of 2916 Gary Ave., was sitting at a stop sign eastbound on College Heights, and after the vehicle in front of him pulled out, he continued past the stop sign. Dill's 2009 Ford passenger bus struck Lance Noll's 2000 Kawasaki motorcycle, which was headed southbound on Sunset, according to the report.

Noll, 25, of 1201 Houston St., was ejected off his motorcycle and transported to Mercy Regional Hospital, though he did not complain of any injuries, Crosby said.

The accident is still under investigation.

DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

MONDAY

Mathew Jordan Leach, Ramona, Kan., was arrested at 3:16 p.m. for probation violation. No

Kurt Michael Lilleston, 615 Ratone Lane, was arrested at 3:45 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Amanda Lee Close, 1530 College Ave., was arrested at 3:52 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Stephanie Aaron Cleveland, 322 Kearney St., was arrested at 4:18 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site. www.kstatecollegian.com

WEEK 5 WEIGHTS: Where we rank nationally:

241. Kansas State University

242. University of Kansas

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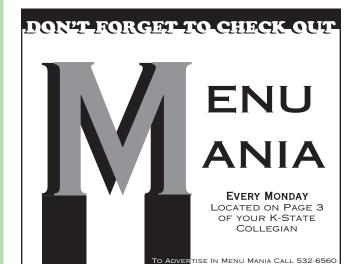
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Weight totals provided by Joe Myers, physical plant supervisor, Division of Facilities. Ranking information found at: RecycleManiacs.org.

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- Douglas Adams





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Keep on the Sunny Side

Embrace the world's irony



The strange part about this article is that it all began at 3 a.m. on a Friday when I was decidedly frustrated and couldn't sleep due to a small head cold.

I was having difficulty breathing through my nose, and it was so annoying that I got up and, against my better judgment, went to Wal-Mart to buy a bottle of Afrin to clear my sinuses. This in itself was a flawed plan; I don't actually recommend using Afrin unless it's a true congestion emergency because after something like six uses, your nasal membranes become dependent on the active ingredient to stay moisturized. But for a time or two, it clears your airways one hundred percent in about seven seconds. It's like crack for the common cold.

I'm not sure how many of you have actually been to Wal-Mart at 3 a.m., but the only way to describe it is to say it is like stepping into a retail horror movie. I don't mean it was a mess or you couldn't find exactly what you needed to buy, I'm saying that literally the ambience and presence felt like the perfect setting for some odd slasher flick. It was like the Kansas Chain Store Massacre. The first thing I noticed was an old man slowly pushing this incredibly loud machine across the floor. As soon as the automatic doors snapped shut, the machine stopped, and he turned his head slowly and just looked at me. Snap. Doors closed. Click. Machine stops. I felt dryly amused and rather trapped. What if these doors didn't open again?

Then I noticed that there were three lanes open and – here is where I am not kidding – all three associates were standing at their counters, all of them staring straight ahead; none of them smiling or moving. To make matters



more sensational, the first lane's checkout light was dimly flickering. I half expected all of the workers to simultaneously start chanting, "Welcome to Wal-Mart. Welcome to Wal-Mart. You cannot get out. Welcome to Wal-Mart."

The point I'm trying to make is, life involves a great deal of situational irony, and I've found the best way to enjoy odd or even annoying experiences is to simply embrace them.

This may sound completely oxymoronic, but I think the problem with optimists is that they are not nearly realistic enough. Allow me to elaborate on my theory: Have you ever noticed how a complete optimist doesn't have that many friends? This is because life isn't perfect. Frankly, people who are happy 100 percent of the time tend to annoy their fellow citizens.

There are some times when cheerfulness is just not the best attitude to dis-

play around someone who is inherently realistic. I find that eternal optimists come across as slightly fake in the sense that nothing seems to phase them, which not only makes for poor conversation but for a lack of humanistic perception. It takes stamina to be infinitely blissful, and I commend you if you have that kind of drive. But I really do think you are wasting your time.

However, the same principle goes for eternal pessimists. They also don't seem to have many friends because contrary to the annoyance of the superficial optimist, a pessimist tends to evoke a melodramatic sense of self-pity and terminal resentment. If you're stuck in a rough place, don't just sit there and whine about it, find something humorous and ridiculous to laugh about. As the saying goes, laughter is the best generic form of recreationally used Xanax (Hey, medicine is medicine), so

why spend your time wallowing in the wells of your own discomfort? In other words, laughing at both the light and the dark will automatically serve as an antidepressant.

There is much more of life to enjoy when every piece of it is encompassed into what we define as happiness. Remember: Your life is never going to be perfect and because of that very issue, you're bound to have some funny stories later. As if the man with the floor polisher in Wal-Mart was reading my mind on this subject, he waved as I left and cheerfully said, "Have a good night ma'am." And lo and behold, the doors slid open and I smiled as I listened to the sound of his machine start to rumble again.

Jillian Aramowicz is a sophomore in journalism and mass communication. Send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

US should commit to carbon cap-and-trade legislation



Myles Ikenberry

There is widespread agreement within the U.S. scientific and industrial communities that immediate adoption of a carbon cap-and-trade system is critical. By implementing concrete carbon emission reduction goals, we take a responsible step toward minimizing the negative impacts of climate change on our future environment and economy.

Since the oil and chemical industries, through the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, have endorsed the United States' need for predictable, well-designed carbon cap-and-trade legislation, it would

make sense for politicians who had previously opposed such legislation to reverse their positions and focus on getting the legislation right, rather than continuing to block it. Unbelievably, not only has climate change denial continued, but so-called "centrist" Democrats are now crossing the aisle and assisting Republicans in their drive to kill off the legislation.

It is as if the media and politicians are so reflexively opposed to anything that compromises corporate interests that they are unwilling to heed the advice of even corporate United States itself. When chemical and petroleum companies accept the importance of immediately beginning our transition to a less carbon intensive economy, how can Republicans and Democrats continue to refuse to act responsibly?

It is useful to compare the fossil fuel situation to our country's running up the national debt while knowing that future generations will have to pay for it. In this same way, we have been charging up our carbon credit card, and it is critical for the sake of our economic future that we start paying it off immediately. There is no question that eventually petroleum resources will dwindle and become prohibitively expensive. The only questions are when it will happen, what condition the environment will be in and whether or not our economy will be prepared.

be prepared.

In strictly economic terms, capand-trade uses short-term economic costs and disadvantages to secure long-term economic profitability and advantages. In the short
term, fuel-intensive industries become less profitable and citizens
pay more money for what they
consume; there is no way around
it. To regulate people's behavior in
a market based system, you have
to use incentives. If you want people to reduce their use of electricity

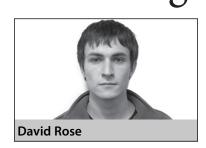
generated from highly polluting but cheap coal-fired power plants, you have to tax that consumption.

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Cap-and-trade will cause energyintensive industries such as chemical and petroleum manufacturers to pay higher taxes and continue reorienting their processes toward sustainability. However, these industrial giants are willing to accept this burden because they know that the alternative - business as usual - will impose even heavier financial burdens in the future. The United States' failure to commit to carbon cap-and-trade destroys any chance of an international agreement with other major emitters such as China. It is well understood and widely accepted in the scientific and industrial communities that if rising fuel consumption and climate change go unmitigated, American and world economies will be damaged beyond repair, and corporate profits will evaporate. U.S. corporations desire capand-trade legislation for their own self-preservation, and their request should be granted immediately.

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Reforming the filibuster would help close loophole



The filibuster has a long history of derailing important legislation. This history should come to an end.

In essence, the filibuster is just a loophole in the rules of the Senate that allows unlimited debate on a topic. However, the actual use of the filibuster differs drastically from simply debating an issue. Since the mid-19th century, senators have invoked the filibuster to prevent the chamber from coming to a vote on legislation they view as contentious. As long as someone is willing to "debate" an issue, the Senate cannot vote on it.

In the past, the filibuster was used as a tool to block or delay legislation, like an act to create the Second Bank of the United States, the National Recovery Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. But now, the minority in the Senate uses, or threatens to use, the filibuster on just about everything. Even basic legislation or appointments that would normally require a simple majority vote to pass now need the full backing of 60 of the 100 senators. The filibuster has gotten out of hand.

Most recently, Republicans have wielded the filibuster to prevent any legislation they disagree with. Thus, the Democrats, who controlled 60 seats and now control 59 seats, never brought much of that legislation up to a vote.

up to a vote.

Part of the problem is the fact that Democrats are not nearly as cohesive as the Republicans in terms of voting. Even though they all share a "D" in front of their names, they seldom have a united stance on an issue. No, the greater problem lies in the frequency with which the filibuster is used or threatened on a piece of legislation.

Take, for example, a recent jobs bill going through Congress. Even though recent polls suggest people want Congress to focus on just such job-creation legislation, Republicans threatened to filibuster the measure. To get the bill off the ground, Democrats had to convince several Republicans to join their cause. In a vote on whether to move forward with the jobs bill, the Senate voted 62 to 30 to move ahead: just enough to prevent a filibuster.

The Senate doesn't need to get rid of the filibuster altogether, but the loophole does need to be closed. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, suggested he might do just that in January of this year. In light of all the recent filibuster problems, he said he might introduce a bill that would put a time limit on the length a filibuster could be carried out. After a set period of time, Harkin's change would allow a simple majority to override a filibuster. This is a great idea.

Some might say a change to the Senate rules would be dan-

gerous, allowing for a type of 'tyranny of the majority.' I disagree. Harkin's proposal still allows for filibusters, protecting the right of the minority to continue a debate and potentially delay legislation, but ensures the majority will eventually get their way. The change to Senate rules would be both fair and prudent. It might even prevent filibusters from ever happening, as the majority party could simply wait out the other party and vote to overcome the filibuster.

overcome the filibuster.

Any such change is long overdue, but may be unlikely. The past few decades have seen a dramatic spike in uses of filibusters and cloture, the rule used to overcome them. This prevents the majority party, and thus the majority of citizens who voted for them, from passing any effective legislation. But in order to pass a bill to limit the filibuster, the Senate would likely need to overcome a filibuster.

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Open mic night at Kathouse

Tiara Williams | COLLEGIAN

White and red spotlights shone down on the stage, a microphone stood center stage and a keyboard, drum set and guitars were set up along the back wall. With a disco ball above the barstools and tables near the stage, the Kathouse Lounge, located in Aggieville, was ready for all types of performers for Team Mix-it-Up's Open

Mic last night. The idea for Open Mic came from the members of the Introduction to Leadership Studies class, as part of their service project.

Class members include Hope Dawson, freshman in pre-psychology; Caysha Williams, sophomore in business administration; Amanda Avritt, sophomore in busiadministration; and Stephanie Steringer, freshman in mechanical

engineering. Vestoria

Simmons, sophomore in pre-journalism and mass communications, said the project was designed to enhance knowledge of community needs and provide service to others.

"We are trying to bring together artistic talents from all genres; from acoustic soul to acoustic rock and everything in between," said Dawson. "We were given the task of doing something to better our community and one of the things we felt that Manhattan, Kan., in particular needed was more diversity between races, with events that force people to think outside the box."

Dawson also said in addition to this goal, they would be conducting a canned food drive and asked that, although the cost is free, everyone bring two canned food items which will be do-

Students shine at K-State Idol

nated to the Flint Hills Bread Basket.

At the end of the night, Team Mix-it-Up collected a cardboard box full of cans.

Despite singers, poets, musicians and rappers not starting for some time into the event because of issues with the sound system, every seat was taken from the start.

Many of the students occupying chairs came because someone in Team Mix-it-Up invited them, but there was a handful who had not known about the event and just came out to the Kathouse for their Tuesday night.

"Our expectations were for a lot of people to show up and for people to show off their talents," said Avritt. "We also hoped that we would end up with an awesome crowd that supports the talent and participates with the talented partic-

IHOP hopes to raise \$1.5 million



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Drifting from table to table, Manhattan Mayor Bob Strawn talks to diners Tuesday during lunch time at the International House of Pancakes where he discussed with each table the importance of donating money to the Children's Miracle Network on IHOP's free pancake day.

Jenny Whalen | COLLEGIAN

Customers filled the International House of Pancakes in Manhattan Tuesday waiting for their free short stack of pancakes. In celebration of National Pancake Day, the restaurant offered free pancakes to guests and invited them to donate money to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

IHOPs around the nation participate in this fundraiser every year to raise money for various children's hospitals in their areas. Last year, the restaurant chain raised more than \$1 million dollars nationwide, which averaged about \$1,200 in donations from each restaurant. This year they set a goal of \$1.5 million.

Carmine Scarfone, the manager at the Manhattan restaurant, said the morning was "exciting and hectic," and expected the evening to be just as busy with high school

and college students getting out of class. "I'd rather people donate money than give the servers tips today," he said. "I'd rather it just be all about the cause?

Scarfone said the restaurant was full early in the morning with high school and college students trying to get an order in before they had to go to class. Some students even asked if they could get pre-cooked pancakes, but Scarfone said all the food is made to order.

"Pancakes are only good when they're hot," he said with a smile. "Fortunately, they don't take that long to cook." Scarfone said he had an extra cook on hand just to prepare pancakes.

Mayor Bob Strawn came in at 11 a.m. to

greet and talk with customers and encourage them to donate.

"It's a good event," Strawn said. "It's always good when people can come together for something more than their own self interests.

People streamed in and out steadily throughout the day, stopping to stuff money into the large donation box placed in front of the cash register. Fliers were set on top of tables and booths to let customers know about the fundraiser.

Brianna Juelfs and Cassie Lane, both seniors at Manhattan High School, stopped by in the early afternoon for their free pan-

"I had come last year in the evening and the place was packed," Juelfs said.

Kolbi Redding, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, and Melanie Delimont, sophomore in communication sciences and disorders, also stopped by Tuesday afternoon.

"We're in college; we're all about free

pancakes," Delimont said. Chad Miller, a server at the restaurant, said he has been working at the Manhattan IHOP since it opened in December 2007,

and was there at last year's event as well. "It's for the children; it's for a good

cause," Miller said. He said several people didn't even ask for a menu. They were just there for the pancakes and to show their support.

The Shriners Club of Manhattan that sponsored the fundraiser presented the restaurant with a plaque for its contributions over the years.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN Marcus Bragg, freshman in industrial engineering, sings R. Kelly's "I Believe I can Fly" in front of the crowd in Forum Hall Tuesday night for K-State Idol.

Jesse Riggs | COLLEGIAN

Sixteen contestants rocked Forum Hall last night at K-State Idol, competing for \$600 in prizes. The only people to receive something other than wild applause from the audience were the judges after criticizing singers.

Shevy Smith, an LA-based recording artist from Kansas who took time out of her tour to judge the contest, opened the evening.

Jessica Furney, a Hollywood finalist on American Idol for the past two seasons and a native of Wamego, Kan., was also on the judging panel, as well as Christy Case of Wildcat Watch, K-State's

student-run weekly television show.

A remixed, harmonized version of "Amazing Grace" was sung by Jasmine Hammond, junior in mass communications, Deborah Muhwezi, senior in business and mass communications, and Angela Muhwezi, sophomore in biology. The trio won the event and received the \$300 prize.

Dani Lucas, sophomore in communication sciences and disorders, was awarded second place for her original song, "Black Car." She won \$200.

The third place prize of \$100 was claimed by John Deterding, junior in engineering, for his original song, "A Single

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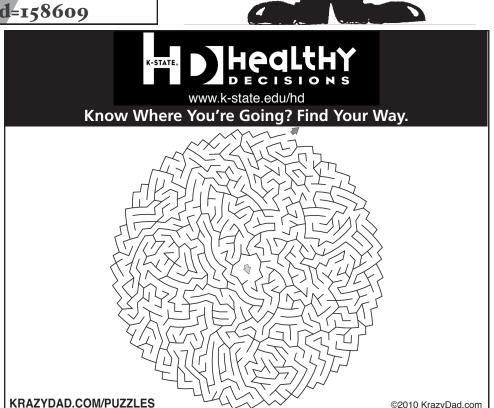
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Pullen His Weight

K-State dominates Texas Tech

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

As if Frank Martin hasn't accomplished enough during his young K-State career, he can add one more signature win to the list.

Junior forward Jacob Pullen led all scorers with 28 points -21 in the first half – and the No. 6 Wildcats upended Texas Tech 83-64 Tuesday night in Lubbock, Texas. It was the first win for K-State (23-4, 10-3 Big 12 Conference), in Lubbock since Dec. 4, 1986, and its first road victory against the Red Raiders (16-11, 4-9) ever in Big 12 competition. Texas Tech had won the last six meetings between the schools in the United Sprint Arena.

Senior guard Denis Clemente and sophomore forward Jamar Samuels each added 14 points and junior forward Curtis Kelly made 12 points for the Wildcats, who won their sixth consecutive game outside of Manhattan. Samuels also grabbed 11 rebounds for his second doubledouble of the season.

Both teams battled early in the first half, as neither could establish a clear advantage. K-State grabbed the lead for good on a shot by senior center Luis Colon, but couldn't manage to separate itself from Texas Tech until late in the period. The Wildcats pushed their lead to eight, but the Red Raiders responded with an 8-3 run, capped off by a three-point play by senior for-ward Darko Cohadarevic. That narrowed the gap to 27-24 with seven minutes left, but then K-State took control.

A pair of free throws by Samuels ignited a 12-4 Wildcat run which closed out the half. K-State's defense played a key role during that stretch, holding Texas Tech to just four points while forcing five turnovers.

Junior forward Mike Singletary, the Red Raiders' leading scorer, was the victim of two of those turnovers. Singletary, who entered the game averaging 15.2 points per game, was limited to iust four and didn't score until late in the second half. Texas Tech was led by senior guard John Roberson and junior guard Nick Okorie, who tallied 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Pullen was nearly unstoppable in the opening period,



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Junior guard Jacob Pullen dribbles the ball down the court during the first half of the Wildcats' game against the Sooners Saturday night in Norman, Okla.

racking up 10 points in the first 4:41. With just under nine minutes left until halftime, the Maywood, Ill. native led the entire Texas Tech team 17-16.

K-State stumbled out of the locker room offensively in the second half, scoring just four points in the first 4:57. The Red Raiders took advantage, piecing together an 8-4 run to cut the deficit to 43-37, but that's as close as they got. The Wildcats answered with an 11-3 run to extinguish the comeback attempt. Texas Tech didn't challenge again as the Wildcats coasted to the final buzzer.

The win keeps K-State in sole possession of second place in the league standings and also keeps the Wildcats' slim Big 12 title hopes alive.

The Wildcats will return to action this weekend when they welcome Missouri to Bramlage Coliseum. The Tigers upset K-State 74-68 in the teams' conference opener on Jan. 9. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. on Saturday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stakes getting higher as Wildcats fight for seeding

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's basketball team has faced ranked opponent after ranked opponent for weeks, and now they finally get a break.

Tonight, K-State (12-14, 4-8 Big 12 Conference) will host Texas Tech University (16-10, 4-8) in their first and only meeting of the season. K-State head coach Deb Patterson said this game will make a large impact on her team's conference status.

'It's an awesome matchup because you have two teams that are fighting for seeding headed into the Big 12 tournament, and right now, we're neck and neck," she said. "This is a pivotal game for us."

The Wildcats lead the overall record between the teams 9-8 behind a six-game winning streak dating back to 2004. During that span, K-State has won half of the games by at least 12 points. Patterson said history is not a factor, and she will not take Texas Tech lightly.

The Red Raiders held a high period of wins for most of the season, but they hit a low spell shortly into conference play. In the past few games, however, they have regained some of their strength and are starting to climb out of their slump. Last weekend, Texas Tech defeated Kansas - who split the season series with K-State - by a wide margin. Patterson said the Red Raiders will be a strong oppo-

"They've been playing extremely well and confident," she said. "They're athletic. They're very aggressive. We're going to have to really play great bas-

ketball against a team that's very hot right now." K-State is still in a dry spell after last weekend's loss, with a smattering of wins over the past couple months. Last Sunday, the team lost at home to Oklahoma after the Sooners erased a 21-point Wildcat lead to come back and win by six points. However, Patterson said she will not be looking

"I'm optimistic about the next challenge," she said. "It's not hard for me to get up after a loss and want to go get a win. Until the door is shut and slammed and locked with ten different locks, I want to keep playing?

The Red Raiders will be bringing a talented team



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

K-State freshman guard Brittany Chambers drives against Oklahoma junior forward Carlee Roethilsberger during their game Jan. 21 at Bramlage Coliseum. K-State lost 58-64.

to Manhattan. Among their elite, senior forward Ashlee Roberson leads the team with game averages of 12.7 points and 9.0 rebounds behind fifty-fifty shooting, despite owning just a 57 percent mark at the free throw line. Close behind her is sophomore forward Kierra Mallard, who is recording

12.5 points per game alongside 7.1 rebounds. Mallard also has totaled 49 blocks.

For comparison, K-State's senior forward, Ashlev Sweat, holds the most rebounds per game for her team at 5.5 and the most blocks at 17.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

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Martin similar to coach John Thompson



Frank Martin has always affirmed that this K-State team is his team. While he may have borrowed a few pointers from his idols while growing up, Martin's team is set firmly in his identity.

In his three years as K-State's head coach, he has been admired and admonished, cheered and charred. His image and presence absolved K-State's 20 years of basketball futility. Brandished in his own hardnosed, perfectionist image, guards Jacob Pullen and Denis Ćlemente are symbols of the new era of K-State basketball. These two men, along with forwards Jamar Samuels and Dominique Sutton, carry the embla-zoned phrase of "Every Man A Wildcat."

There is one man, though, who shares many similarities with Martin. A man who resurrected the Georgetown program from a 3-23 campaign the season before to one of the nation's best. This same man wore a white towel on his shoulder but coached for black opportunity. That man, of course, is former Hoya coach John Thompson.

Hoya paranoia linked Thompson's team and the media. Thompson's team carried the same gigantic chip on its shoulder much like K-State's team does. The national bias peered toward Maryland much the same way the national media snuggles itself into a blue and red blanket in the Sunflower State. Once Thompson stepped in as coach, the attitude changed. He walked into a program where the players did not know how to win. Thompson changed that.

His first coup was receiving a verbal commitment from a young man named Patrick Ewing. Ewing was a powerful force for the Hoyas, who made three title games in four years. Ewing anchored while Thompson guided the ship. In the 1982 National Championship game, Ewing blocked several shots in the first half but was called for goaltending. His mishaps were not accidents but purposeful

Thompson was viewed as the Darth Vader of college basketball. His baritone voice was no match for his 6-foot-10 frame. His presence was much larger than his size. In the same way Martin stomps his feet, throws his water bottle and gives the occasional physical reminder to a player, Thompson was cast in a negative light. Both men had the same fear-inducing stare. While Martin's eyes peer through the soul, Thompson's glared.

However, Martin is a father figure to these men in the same way Thompson was to his kids. While racial tensions shed Thompson in a negative light, it was Martin's Amateur Athletic Union ties that made his hiring a joke to the national media. Viewed as nothing more than a flimsy adhesive to keep a recruiting class together, Martin has proved his doubters wrong. Thompson would end his career at Georgetown with nearly 600 wins. While the wins are nice, it is success in the tournament that defines a coach. It has been thirty years since Thompson made the Elite Eight. Maybe, just maybe, I can strengthen my comparison with a deep postseason run.

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"So tell me about Scott. Have you talked to him lately?"

"Cairo?!" I said, laughing. "What?"

"Nothing," I laughed some more. "He's a union man, wouldn't you know?'

I was out with my former neighbors, and since they don't live here anymore, I have no shame in telling you one was quite smitten for a little kitten by the name of Scott, my former

She thought he was going to rule the world. Hell, they all did. Now I'm not saying I wouldn't want Scott to rule the world or even that he couldn't, but I knew he wouldn't. Lord, how I knew he wouldn't.

"He's what?" She gave a half smile, not sure whether to take me seriously. I will say to all of you now, if you're ever in doubt, never take me seriously. I won't lie to you, but I'm never serious about anything.

"He's in the union. You know, the union, 27. The best of the best. Veintisiete."

Her smile and bright eyes faded as she asked again in disbe-

lief, "What union?"
"Twenty-seven. The best, babe. The best."

Her forehead wrinkled up. "But what does union 27 do?"

"Oh, heating and cooling and air-ducts and geese and something to do with installing them. I don't know really. Complicated things. It's the 27, you know?"

I was drunk. You could see her heartbreak right before me. Well, not really break, per say, it was more that she was grotesquely turned off by him all of a sudden.

I loved it.

Now more skeptical, she continued her interview. "What happened to Wisconsin and all that? I thought he was helping start up an architecture firm."

"Oh, that. Yeah, he almost died up there. I'm not kidding at all. Death. But he didn't. Be-

"Because he's in the union now." She was adorably frustrat-

"That's right." "Twenty-seven."

"Yup."

"The best."

Adorable. "No," I continued, "they were doing well up there. It was never a permanent gig. They had one whole project designed and ready to go, but just before build the guy changed his mind and backed out. They never signed a contract so they were just sort of screwed."

I took a gulp of the warm whiskey in front of me. I could feel the heat in my face, just behind the beard. My left leg was numb from how I had been sitting. I adjusted on the stool, took another sip and set down the glass.

"And now he's a 27-er ..." I looked around for confirmation but found none.

That was the last time I hung out with those girls.

In a way, I'm not sure which way, but in a way I felt kind of bad. Everything I had told her was true, but I could have padded it up a little more. I guess. Maybe. I don't know. I mean he is a union man, now, paying union man dues.

I mean, you are a union man now, Scott. You know, in the union.

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All Aboard

New Zelda game proved to be far from train wreck

"The Legend of Zelda: Spirit Tracks"

★★★☆ Game review by Matt Binter

"The Legend of Zelda: Spirit Tracks" provided this old school Zelda fan with quite a bundle of surprises.

The first surprise I was struck with was this was the first DS game I ever played that operated with nothing but the stylus and touch pad. I was skeptical that a game using only the stylus would be able to have as extensive control as those using the directional pad and button controls, but after only minutes of play-ing my worries were put to rest. Not only were the controls in-

credibly easy to operate and get used to, but they seemed just as intricate as, if not more than, the controls in games that use the buttons. The precision in your actions is incredibly accurate when using the stylus.

The next surprise was the premise of the game. The stereotypical plot for Zelda games places you as the character Link leading his adventures with the ultimate goal of saving Princess Zelda, but for the first time in Hyrule's

history, the princess stands by her hero's side over the course of his quest. The duo's task at hand is to restore the spirit tracks and spirit tower. The spirit tracks are train tracks that spread across the land that possess a magical power to bind the spirit of the Demon King Malladus. The spirit tower is the central hub for the spirit tracks.

In addition to the unusual role the princess plays, Link also breaks away from his traditional role by playing a train engineer that gets sucked into the task of restoring the spirit tracks and spirit tower after they begin to vanish from the land. His adventures follow a pattern of back-and-forth train rides between elemental themed temples and the spirit tower.

While I enjoy the unique method of travel, the train rides get to be monotonous at times. If you miss something you're supposed to do, then it takes more time than desired to correct it.

Outside of the train is another story. The gameplay in "Spirit Tracks" is one of the most exciting in all the handhelds I've ever played. The amount of interaction using the stylus and the microphone adds a whole new dimension to the game. Instead of aiming with a joystick and firing with a but-ton, players have the ability to draw the path for their boomerang to follow and even send whirlwinds to-ward their enemies with a blow into

In addition to the interactive controls, "Spirit Tracks" provides players with situations that require critical thinking to solve. Nintendo has found the perfect balance of difficulty for their puzzles in this game so that players find themselves taking a mo-ment to discover solutions, but not so long that they end up googling a walkthrough. It really gives the player a sense of cleverness.

Even though it is a sequel to "The Legend of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass," that was released about two years ago, "Spirit Tracks" is still enjoyable without having to buy its predecessor. The story line has a few links that players won't catch without playing "Phantom Hourglass" but the plot is essentially independent.

Overall "The Legend of Zelda: Spirit Tracks" turned out to be a fun and unique game that lives up to the reputation old school Zelda fans like myself hold.

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National tour of 'Annie' stops off at McCain

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For years the classical tale of the young orphan girl on a mission to discover where she came from has lived on through plays, books and movies. Now, the tale will be recreated at K-State when the touring cast of "Annie" performs in McCain Auditorium tonight at 7:30.

The show, which is based on the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," tells the story of a young girl who lives in an orphanage run by a supervisor who is not fond of children at all. The story tells of the hope Annie has that her parents will one day return, and the adventures she has both in and out of the or-

phanage. Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium, said he is always looking for big attractions that the whole family can enjoy.

"It's a real gem in musical theater genre," he said. "It is full of songs people of all ages recognize that are really imbedded in pop culture?

The play features all of the songs it made popular, including classics like "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard-Knock Life.

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